

**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR AUTHORIZING AND PROCESSING
REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE
COLLECTION OF IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE DATA**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

One embodiment of the present invention relates to a system for processing reimbursements to physicians who participate in one or more medical studies, which typically require the physicians to perform procedures on patients. In one embodiment, the system comprises a microprocessor-based controller, and a computer readable medium, which includes instructions executable by the microprocessor-based controller. The instructions are adapted to cause the system to receive medical procedure information from the physicians for each procedure they perform on patients. The system further is adapted to automatically validate the medical procedure information, and upon validating the information, store a reimbursement record in a database for each procedure. In one embodiment, the reimbursement record indicates at least a reimbursement amount and the physician to be reimbursed. Finally, the system is adapted to automatically process at least one reimbursement reimbursement to each physician having reimbursement records in the database.

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